

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2 and 8 remain in this application. Claims 3-7, 9 and 10 have been canceled. Claim 11 has been withdrawn.

The Examiner has acknowledged that claim 7 is dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 3, 6, and 7, thereby effectively rewriting claim 7 in independent form and including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 2, and 8 are allowable.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 6 and 8-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Moore, Sr '512 in view of Hume '689. Amendments made to independent claim 1, and therefore to dependent claims 2 and 8, in addition to having cancelled claims 3, 6, and 9, have rendered this objection moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the current amendments, the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone call would expedite prosecution of the application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

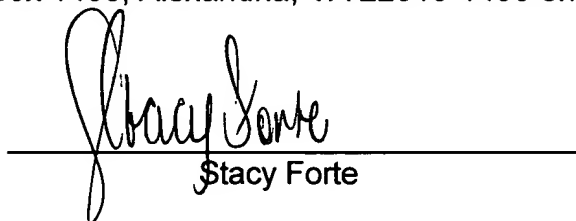


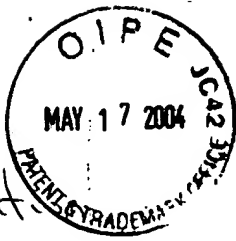
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